

The Federal Communications Commission
c/o Commission Secretary Marlene Dortch
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

October 3, 2002

Re: Proceeding 02-306

Commissioners:

CHARO Community Development Corporation, based in East Los Angeles is aware that over the last four years SBC Pacific Bell has worked diligently to meet the challenging requirements set forth in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to sell long distance service in California. On behalf of the over 600 small businesses we serve each year in the greater East Los Angeles community, we are writing to express our organization's support for SBC's application to enter the long distance market in California.

During the last four years, competition in California has increased dramatically. Today, consumers in Los Angeles alone are able to purchase local service from a myriad of companies including AT&T and MCI. Their entrance into the market demonstrates that the competition is thriving. Californians as a whole have a greater choice and greater selection in choosing their local service provider than ever before.

Furthermore, Californians have seen the impact of competition in the long distance market. Since our state's long distance market became a competitive playing field, Californians have been saving money. We want and deserve the right to see even greater competition in the long distance market. This will not only help our members, but it will produce savings for our member's customers. More long distance competition is a benefit to all Californians wherever they may live and whomever they buy service from.

Again, please support SBC's application for long distance service in California. It means a lot to the CHARO Economic Development Corporation and all Californians.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Amador
President & CEO